

I prefer the ARRL proposal, and my more extensive comments in support of that proposal are attached. Offering current "Tech Plus" and 160 meter voice to today's no-code Techs is a half-measure that won't have much effect on broadening the experience base of the entry level licensee, and the retention of code in the upgrade path will be no more effective than what is available today. Will some bands be more crowded? Probably. The bands mentioned wouldn't begin to support all the active, licensed hams we have now if they chose to operate at the same time. More efficient modes are the ultimate answer to overcrowding. The last time we did that was in the 1950's in the move from AM to SSB. It's time to do it again.